

Appl. No.: 10/760,077
Amdt. dated Oct. 22, 2004
Reply to Office action of July 22, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 22, 2004, claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 30-32 were rejected, and claim 7 was objected to. With this Amendment, claim 1 is canceled, claims 2-8, 30 and 31 are amended and new claims 33-40 are added.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 30, and all claims depending therefrom, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claim 1 is canceled herewith and replaced by new claim 33, which Applicant submits is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 30 is amended herewith. Applicant submits claim 30 as amended is also in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mar (U.S. Patent 5,900,752). Claim 1 is canceled herewith and replaced with new claim 33. Applicant submits that claim 33 distinguishes over the Mar patent. Claims 2-9 are amended to depend from new claim 33. New claims 34-37 also depend from claim 33. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 2-8 and 33-37 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 30-32 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent 6,693,475. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the double-patenting rejection.

Applicant submits that new claims 38-40 are also allowable

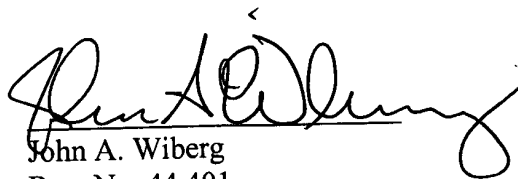
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-9 and 30-40.

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